MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The post-mortem room which was in a prominent position was shifted to a corner, the shifting of the Hospital itself not being considered necessary.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I know from the member why the shifting of the Hospital itself was not considered necessary?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Administrative Board, Medical Services, reports that it is not necessary to shift the Hospital.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): So, does the member think that the shifting of the post mortem room alone was considered desirable?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Board suggested that it would be very objectionable to have the post mortem room where it was, since the schools are close by. It also suggeted the shifting of that room to a corner. They thought that it was not necessary to shift the hospital altogether from the present site.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Does the member know that the small-pox hospital is nearer the schools?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I do not think, Sir, it arises as a supplementry question.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): The small-pox hospital forms part of the District Hospital.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information on that point, now.

*Opening of a channel to the west of the Kottukal ela.*

55. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the Kottukal *ela* in the Neyyattinkara taluk, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that, for many years past, the public have been agitating for the construction of a channel to the west of the *ela* also to protect the fields;

(*b*) whether the representatives of the people have been bringing the same to the notice of the Government through the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and this Council; and

(*c*) whether they propose now at least to enquire and do the needful?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The Government have already asked the Chief Engineer to conduct an investigation and submit a report.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Nyyattinkara*): May I know from the member how long is it since the Government became aware of this important public need?

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**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I believe the first time that Government knew of this matter was at the 25th session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly when a representation on the subject was made there.

**MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know what Government have been doing all these years?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The question was referred to the Chief Engineer. The Division Officer reported that the work would involve an expenditure of about Rs. 30,000, while it would benefit only 300 acres of land. So it was not thought worthwhile spending so much money on the work. Mr. Vipan the then Chief Engineer also made a local inspection and he perfectly agreed with the view expressed by the Division Officer. Subsequently there was an interpellation in the Council and the Government have now ordered the Chief Engineer to investigate the question.

*Touring work of the Officer in charge of the Ayurveda Department.*

56. **MR. JOSEPH KUNJU** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of days the Officer in charge of the Ayurveda Department was on circuit during each year since he took charge of the Department ;

(*b*) whether his notes of inspection are being submitted to the Government ;

(*c*) the amount he has received from the Government as travelling allowance since he took charge of the Department till now (11-7-1931) ; and

(*d*) the amount due to him under travelling allowance till now (11-7-1931) ?

**MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) From the 30th Kanni to the end of 1104—96 days.

1105—121 days.

1106, (up to the 11th July 1931)—87 days.

(*b*) No, but he sends reports to the Government on matters that come to his notice during the course of his inspection on which the orders of the Government are required.

(*c*) Rs. 18 Chs. 16 only which was the sum due to him on account of travelling allowance for journeys done before he was put in charge of the Department.

(*d*) He has not yet submitted to the Government travelling allowance bills for journeys conducted by him after he took charge of the duties of the Director of Ayurveda. The amount due to him under travelling allowance can be ascertained only after the bills are received by the Government and passed.

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